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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
AFTER THE MAILING DATE OF THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION
ON THE MERITS, BUT BEFORE THE MAILING DATE OF A
FINAL ACTION (37 CFR 1.97(c))

Sir:

The Information Disclosure Statement transmitted herewith is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(c) after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a final action under § 1.113.


The required fees are calculated below:

Information Disclosure Statement Fee (set forth in 37 CFR. 1.17(p))	<u>\$180.00</u>
TOTAL FEE DUE:	<u>\$180.00</u>

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THIS FEE AND ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO THE CREDIT CARD NUMBER LISTED ON THE ATTACHED CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM (PTO-2038 FORM), REFERENCING ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0055/057001. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS PAPER IS ENCLOSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 14, 2005


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to his duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicant requests that the references cited on attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of which is enclosed) be considered by the Examiner in connection with this application.

Please note that two new references were cited and discussed in the First Office Action mailed on June 17, 2005 from the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China in a counterpart application. The relevance of these references can be seen from the enclosed English translation of the First Office Action.

Please also note that enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,838,701 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004-124500 which are English language counterparts for International Patent Application Publication Nos. WO 01/61804 and WO 02/084831, respectively.

This Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(c) after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a final action under § 1.113.

The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement under § 1.97(c) is currently due. As stated in the attached Transmittal Letter, the Commissioner is authorized to charge this \$180.00 fee and any other fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to the Credit Card number listed on the attached Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038 Form), referencing Attorney Docket No. 0055/057001.

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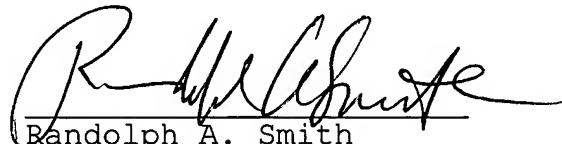
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached at the telephone number listed below. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address below.

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